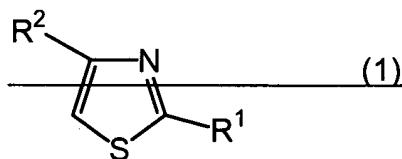


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

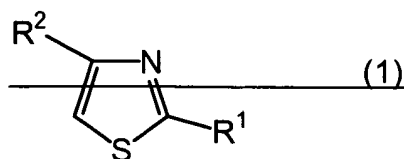
1. (Currently amended). An enema preparation, comprising at least one selected from the group consisting of ~~thiazole compounds having the following general formula and the salts thereof:~~



~~wherein R¹ represents a phenyl group which may have 1 to 3 lower alkoxy groups as substituents on the phenyl ring and R² a pyridyl group which may have 1 to 3 carboxyl groups as substituents on the pyridine ring~~
6-[2-(3,4-diethoxyphenyl)thiazol-4-yl]pyridine-2-carboxylic acid and a salt thereof,
wherein an amount of the enema preparation is one tenth as much as the amount used with oral administration.

2-3. (Cancelled).

4. (Currently amended) A method for treating inflammatory bowel disease, ~~[[by]]~~ comprising administering to a patient in need thereof, an enema preparation, comprising at least one selected from the group consisting of ~~thiazole compounds having the following general formula and the salts thereof:~~



~~wherein R¹ represents a phenyl group which may have 1 to 3 lower alkoxy groups as substituents on the phenyl ring and R² a pyridyl group which may have 1 to 3 carboxyl groups as substituents on the pyridine ring~~

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wherein an amount of the enema preparation is one tenth as much as the amount used with oral administration.

5-7. (Cancelled).

8. (New) The enema preparation according to claim 1, wherein the preparation is prepared by dissolving said thiazole compound in an aqueous solvent.

9. (New) The enema preparation according to claim 8, wherein said aqueous solvent is water.

10. (New) The enema preparation according to claim 1, wherein the preparation is prepared by dissolving said thiazole compound in a nonaqueous solvent.

11. (New) The enema preparation according to claim 10, wherein said nonaqueous solvent is one selected from the group consisting of glycerol, ethylene glycol, propylene glycol, polyethylene glycol, polypropylene glycol and vegetable oils.

12. (New) The enema preparation according to claim 8 or 10, wherein said thiazole compound is 0.001 to 70% by weight based on the enema preparation.

13. (New) The method according to claim 4, wherein the enema preparation is administered so that the amount of said thiazole compound administered is 0.02 to 2000 mg/kg body weight/day.